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Spring 2017

Arrowfield Updates.....



Kelly has qualified!

Kelly joined the practice in 2014 to begin her training as a Veterinary Nurse. We are thrilled to announce that after all of her hard work and passing all of the written and practical exams first time she has now qualified as a veterinary nurse. She will be eligible to join the VN Register at her

graduation in June.

We are delighted that our Head Nurse Vanessa and her husband Jim are expecting their first baby in June.

To cover the anticipated maternity leave we have recruited a new trainee Veterinary Nursing Assistant, Abbey Skyrme who will be starting in April. As well as Abbey a part time Registered Veterinary Nurse, Amy Billings will be starting late Spring.

May is Veterinary Nursing Awareness month. If you are interested in a career in Veterinary Nursing or would like to know more about what our nurses do please visit the British Veterinary Nursing Association website www.bvna.org.uk



Spring poisoning dangers

Chocolate! We do repeat ourselves about chocolate poisoning every Christmas and Easter but every year we still see many pets, especially dogs that have eaten chocolate. If your pet eats chocolate the best course of action is to contact the practice immediately. If we see your pet soon enough we can give an injection to induce vomiting. If some time has lapsed, further medication/treatment may be needed but the sooner that we see your pet the better. Theobromine and caffeine, the toxic substances in chocolate differ so it would be helpful to know the approximate amount / weight of chocolate and the type (milk/dark/white and brand if known).



Spring Bulbs and plants! Several plants are poisonous to pets, at this time of year spring bulbs are a particular risk. Last spring, despite doing everything possible to save her life, one of our staff dogs died after eating daffodil bulbs and leaves.



Slug Pellets! Poisonous to pets as well as slugs! Please bring any packaging with you if available so that we know the active ingredient of the pellets.

Raisins/currents/sultanas! These are toxic to pets. Hot cross buns are a favourite at this time of year but fruit cake and other foods also contain these dried fruits.



Mould! – The food we throw away will always be tempting to dogs but mouldy food is particularly dangerous as it can contain mycotoxins especially in dairy products and bread. Some of the common signs are muscle tremors, convulsions and coma.

IF YOU THINK YOUR PET HAS EATEN SOMETHING POTENTIALLY POISONOUS

DO NOT WAIT!

Contact the practice, even if your pet appears well. Many poisonous substances take a while to take effect on body systems and organs so early intervention before your pet becomes poorly is essential.

Easter Opening Hours

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| Good Friday 14th April | Closed |
| Easter Saturday 15th | Open usual Sat hours |
| Easter Sunday 16th | Closed |
| Easter Monday 17th | Closed |
| Tuesday 18th | Open as usual |

In Case of Emergency Telephone: 01544 230567

Charity Fundraising

Every year the staff at Arrowfield vote to choose one animal based and one human based charity to raise funds for. The final amounts raised for our 2016 charities are:

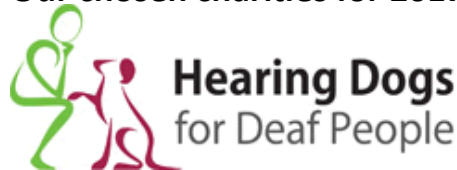


£500



£700

Our chosen charities for 2017 are:



Please visit www.hearingdogs.org.uk and www.cancerresearchuk.org for more information.

Just like us, animals can have ALLERGIES

Although we see pets with allergies all year round, we see an increase in allergic patients during the Spring and Summer months. Allergies can cause skin and ear problems, gastrointestinal problems (such as vomiting and diarrhoea), hair loss and behaviour changes. There are a wide variety of allergens pets can have a reaction to, from foods, pollens from trees, grasses and flowering plants to moulds, fleas, dust and storage mites.

There are several methods that the vets can use to identify what allergens your pet is sensitive to. Once the problem is identified there are a number of treatment options which can overcome the symptoms and improve your pet's quality of life. If you think your pet may have an allergy why not make an appointment with one of our vets.

Practice Factfile

Facilities

- ◆ Appointment system
- ◆ Ample off road parking
- ◆ Convenient surgery hours
- ◆ Registered Veterinary Nurses
- ◆ 24 hour emergency cover
- ◆ In-house laboratory
- ◆ Fully equipped operating theatre
- ◆ Modern x-ray facilities
- ◆ Diagnostic ultrasound
- ◆ Modern anaesthetic equipment
- ◆ Full dental equipment
- ◆ Free nurses clinics

Opening Times.

Kington

Monday—Friday 8.45am—6.45pm
Saturday 9.00—1.00pm

Presteigne Branch Surgery

Monday—Friday 8.45am —5.30pm
Saturday 9.00—10.00am

All Consultations by Appointment

Out of hours veterinary care is provided by our own vets at Kington

Contact Details.

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Moved House? Changed your number ?

☎ Please let us know any changes so we can keep in touch! ☎